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Title: COLLAR RIB FOR HEAT EXCHANGER  
HEADER TANKS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment before continued examination of the above-identified application.

Since April 24, 2010 fell on a weekend, it is submitted that this amendment with RCE is being timely filed.

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